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Quadriplegic Hilary Lister has vowed to complete her attempt to sail solo around the coast of Britain

BY NICK AMES

YACHTSWOMAN Hilary Lister has vowed to complete her epic voyage around Britain despite having to be rescued from rough seas and rushed to hospital.

Hilary, 37, from Selling, near Faversham, is aiming to become the first disabled woman to

make the trip solo.

But on Friday night she was forced to call for lifeboat assistance off Pembrokeshire in Wales, in what she called the roughest seas she had

However, she remained defiant and stated: "I wouldn't be much of a sailor if all this put me off."

The quadriplegic mariner navigates her boat

by sipping and puffing into a system of straws.

She said: "The lifeboat made it out to us. They were fabulous. They were there within minutes. It was so good to see them coming towards us out of the dark when we were feeling cold and very wet."

The rescue followed concern about the harsh conditions by Hilary and her back-up team and the decision to set-off from the coast for

that day's leg was postponed. "Ten minutes later I decided the seas were getting up a bit more so I gave the order to drop the sails. We had a hiccup with one which delayed us for 20 minutes.'

A prior arrangement had been made for the RNLI's Fishguard lifeboat to come out and meet Hilary's yacht off Strumble Head and escort her in to shore.

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Change in the wind follows £2bn boost

BY NICK AMES

THE world's biggest wind farm - which will bring its electricity ashore Graveney - has received a huge investment boost.

London Array, which will consist of more than 300 turbines in the Thames Estuary, has received backing by partners DONG Energy, E.ON and Masdar.

The companies, which have formed a consortium, have pledged to put £2 billion towards the first phase of the project. Work will begin in the next few months and the first power is due to be generated in three years' time.

It will come ashore at a sub-station at Graveney, where it will be fed into the National Grid.

The completed scheme will be the world's largest offshore wind farm, supplying enough electricity to power 750,000 homes.

It will also prevent almost two million tonnes of harmful gases being released into the atmosphere annually - the figure which would have been produced by using fossil fuels for the equivalent amount of power.

The announcement comes after the Government's recent increase in support for offshore wind power.

The partners are satisfied the proj-

ect is now financially viable and are keen to push ahead with construction and to produce the first renewable power in 2012.

Anders Eldrup, chief executive of DONG Energy, said: "I'm thrilled we have the final investment decision on the London Array project.

"The decision to build the offshore wind farm is a significant cornerstone in DONG Energy's strategy to increase the proportion of electricity generated from renewable sources.



GENERATION NEXT: London Array will include more than 300 offshore turbines

"DONG Energy has built about half of all offshore wind farms in operation in the world today. Entering into the world's largest offshore wind farm project strengthens our position in this field."

E.ON chief executive Dr Wulf Bernotat said: "I'm delighted work can now get under way. London Array will mark a key milestone as we continue with our strategy to take renewables to an industrial

"We see a significant increase in scale for E.ON as we aim to become the world's largest offshore wind farm developer.

"The announcement is proof that, if all interested parties work together, renewable power can be taken to its next level and so make a real difference in the fight against climate

yourswale **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Rural watering hole in pub walks book

A POPULAR pub close to Faversham has been featured in a new guide to watering holes in rural parts of the

county.

The Plough at Stalisfield Green is featured in Michael Easterbrook's Pub Walks in the Kent Hills.

The guide suggests two local walks taking in countryside with fine inns and excellent views. The first is a four-and-a-half mile route and the second is a mile longer, but takes in the windmill at nearby Charing.

The book costs £7.99 and is available from the website www.countrysidebooks.co.uk or in book stores.

Homeowners warned of carpet-fitting scam

FAMILIES in Faversham are being warned about two bogus carpet fit-ters. The pair have been knocking on doors saying they have been laying carpets and have spare material.

They then offer to fit the carpet in exchange for money but never honour their promise and leave with the

One of the men is described as six feet tall, of medium build and bald. The other is taller with greyish hair and also of medium build.

It is possible they are using the names Gary and Steve and have been driving a white Ford Transit with the registration number SK55 YSB.

Bike Week breakfast tempts council staff

COUNCIL staff who cycle to work instead of getting behind the wheel will be rewarded with a bacon sarnie and a cuppa to celebrate Bike Week

The week-long celebration of pedal power is being pushed by Swale council which hopes to see many employees biking to work between this Saturday and Sunday, June 21.

Activities will culminate in a bike to work day on Wednesday, June 17, when all participants will get a hearty breakfast for their efforts as well as a free cycle check. www.bikeweek.org.uk for details.



Conversion of historic home given go-ahead

BY **EMILY HALL**

AN ACCOUNTANCY firm is to move into Faversham's historic Mall House after plans to convert it into offices were agreed.

Chavereys, a chartered accountants based in Ashford, will relocate 25 staff to the town in the next few months.

People living nearby had voiced concerns about the idea, saying turning the 300-year-old house into offices would damage its character, cause traffic problems and set a worrying precedent.

Cheryl Maw, of nearby Nelson Gardens, said: "There are empty commercial properties which would benefit from new business moving in. This would help rejuvenate our town centre and give these premises a new lease of life.

"Mall House should be kept as a residential property and its gardens left intact. If a precedent is set in this conservation area it will open the floodgates for further applications." But planners decided it would be better to get

office workers from one company in than risk selling the property off in smaller lots.

Anne Salmon, of the Faversham Society, said: "I understand there have been several potential buyers for the site as a house, but most wanted to sub-divide the land by building at the southern end of the site, which would have been harmful to the setting of the house.

"The main consideration in dealing with a planning application which relates to a listed building is the impact of any proposal on its



MALL HOUSE: Swale council has approved plans for the conversion of the historic home into offices

special architectural character and historic interest, and also upon its setting. The application for change of use did not include any subdivision of the land and the only alteration was the inclusion of a parking area for staff.

"We considered the works would not harm

the historic character of the building. There is

other institute that acte of the bounding. There is nothing more we can do."

Swale council received 18 letters of complaint about the application, but councillors voted to approve the change of use at a planning meeting last week.

Murder suspect's mother charged

THE mother of a man accused of the murder of a teenager in Faversham has been charged with helping him try and conceal the crime.

Adam Beaney, 19, from Faversham, was killed by a single stab wound to his chest. He was found in the recreation

on Thursday, last week, Maxine Liddell, 42, of Lewis Close, Faversham, was charged with assisting an offender. She will appear at Sittingbourne mag-

istrates' court on Wednesday, June 17.

Her son, Rickie Mount, 20, of Edward Vinson Close, Faversham, appeared at the same court charged with murder during a brief hearing on Tuesday, last week. He was remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone crown court on June 22. A 59-year-old woman questioned at the same time as Ms Liddell has been bailed to attend Sittingbourne police station on June 17, when detectives will decide whether to charge her.

• In our front page story on Mr Beaney's death last week we reported his mother had died from cancer ten years ago. We would like to clarify that she in fact died unexpectedly. We apologise for any distress caused by this error.

Jail drugs charges

FOUR people alleged to have smuggled drugs into Elmley prison on the Isle of Sheppey have appeared in court.

Prisoner Darren Byrne, 29, and Dino Gillet, 37, of Canterbury Road, Westgate, were remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone crown court on Monday.

They are charged with supplying drugs and conveying prohibited articles into the prison, along with Sahra Gillet, 35, also of Canterbury Road, Westgate, and former security guard Carly Morris, 24, from Dover. Both women were bailed by Medway magistrates. They will also appear at crown court next week.

Brave Hilary's coast rescue

FROM FRONT PAGE

But with the seas getting worse she made a call to the coastguard asking for assistance rather than just an escort.

"The coastguard had been trying to contact us because we were now overdue," she said, "but where we were it was very difficult to get any VHF signal at all."

After being towed inshore she was transferred to the lifeboat and then by ambulance to hospital.

"They gave me oxygen as a pre-caution and I spent two hours in Withybush Hospital being warmed

up.
"There were no cases of hypothermia and we were all fine. They just needed to check me out because I cannot control my body tempera-

And she added the incident will not put her off.
"Even the most experienced

yachtsman gets caught out occasionally and we were unfortunate that the weather moved in so quickly."

Hilary has already become the first quadriplegic sailor to sail solo across the English Channel in 2005 and the first quadriplegic woman to sail around the Isle of Wight in

She hopes to complete her round Britain voyage in August.

Road tragedy tot's picture released by distraught mum

THE distraught mother who lost her baby in a car crash has released this picture in the hope it will make other people drive more carefully.

Eight-month-old Rowan Colton, from Faversham, was in a Fiat Punto being driven by mum Adeliza when it left the road and hit a tree.

The car overturned and Rowan suffered serious head injuries in the accident, near Challock, on Tuesday, May 26, at about 7pm.

He was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford and later transferred to King's College Hospital in London, where he died the follow-

ing day.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident. The tragic tot's mother, who sustained minor injuries, says she wants to warn other drivers about the dangers of losing concentration while driving.

She was due to hold a press conference on Wednesday last week to issue her warning to other parents, but it

was cancelled at the last minute. Kent Police's serious crash investi-



TRAGIC LOSS: Baby Rowan Colton

gation unit is keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the acci-

Call 01622 798538 if you can help.



Tories take control as voters lack of faith in Labour shows

Failed policies taken into account as borough turns blue at the polls

BY JON COATES

THE Conservatives took all the Swale seats in the county council elections - leaving ousted Labour councillors licking their wounds.

Coming into the polls on Thursday, Labour held two of the seven seats from the Swale area at County Hall, with the Tories holding the other five.

But after the votes were counted on Friday morning it was announced the Conservatives had taken all seven seats in the six wards in resounding fashion.

Well-known Labour county councillors Angela Harrison and Roger Truelove lost their Sheerness and Swale Central seats

Sheerness went to Conservative Ken Pugh in the most closely-contested battle in Swale and both Swale Central seats went to Conservatives Mike Whiting and Alan Willicombe.

The Tories had previously held one seat, but councillor Brenda Simpson did not stand for re-election.

Complacent

Gordon Henderson, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, welcomed the vote of confidence in his party.

He said: "I am absolutely delighted at the results of the KCC elections.

"We now have a full team of Conservative county councillors representing Sittingbourne and Sheppey and I am sure they will work together to improve the level of service the county council provides the area's council taxpavers.

"Overall, results in Sittingbourne and Sheppey show that local voters have rejected the failed policies of the Labour Party

"Our next test will be the General Election and although we achieved a 45 per cent share of the vote in the KCC elections, we are not complacent.

"We know that we have a hard battle ahead if we are to win Sittingbourne and Sheppey for the first time, but we are up for the fight."

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CLEANED OUT: The Tories recorded a clean sweep of all seven seats and six wards in the county council elections

DISASTER IS SEALED IN EUROPE

LABOUR'S failure to win any extra European seats for south-east England contributed to the party's disastrous set of election results

The Conservatives were first in the region with 812,288 votes, UK Independence Party (UKIP) was second with 440,002, Liberal Democrats third with 330,340, the Green Party fourth with 192,592 votes and Labour came fifth.

Labour's share of the vote was down 5.4 per

cent and the Green Party was up 3.8 per cent.

Peter Skinner remains the region's only Labour MEP. The Conservatives retained their four seats, UKIP kept its two, the Lib Dems have two seats and the Green Party retained its one

Conservatives Daniel Hannan, Nirj Deva, James Elles and Richard Ashworth will all represent the **South East in Europe**

UKIP leader Nigel Farage kept his seat and will be joined by party treasurer Marta Andreasen, who replaces the outgoing independent Ashley Mote, who was elected as a UKIP member but had

his whip removed in 2007 for benefit fraud.
Caroline Lucas remains the Green Party's **European representative for the South East.**

HOW YOU VOTED

SWALE CENTRAL

(Two seats - Conservative hold + Labour loss)

Mike Whiting (Con) - 3,982, Alan Willicombe (Con) - 3,849, Roger Truelove (Lab) - 2,665, Ghlin Whelan (Lab) - 2,168, Dave Manning (Lib Dem) - 1,904, Keith Nevols (Lib Dem) - 1,594, Sheikh Mihand (Loonies) - 566

Voting turnout 33.4 per cent of the electorate.

WALE EAST (Conservative hold)

Andrew Bowles (Con) - 2,402, Sarah Larkin (UKIP) - 738, David Evans (Lib Dem) - 600, Ken Rowles (Lab) - 549, Timothy Valentine (Green) - 526. Voting turnout 33.9 per cent.

ALE WEST (Conservative hold)

Keith Ferrin (Con) - 2.609. Elvie Lowe (Lib Dem) - 1,348, Mike Baldock (Lab) - 700. Voting turnout 35.2 per cent.

/ERSHAM (Conservative hold)

Tom Gates (Con) - 2.412. Stephen Rowlstone (Lib Dem) - 798. Trevor Payne (Lab + Co-operative) - 682, Shirley Allen (UKIP) - 680, Gary Miller (Green) - 553. Voting turnout 36.8 per cent.

SHEPPEY (Conservative hold)

Adrian Crowther (Con) - 1,755, Patricia Sandle (Ind) - 711, David Sargent (Lab) - 622, Colin McCarthy Stewart (BNP) - 568, David Spurling (Lib Dem) - 358, Mad Mike Young (Loonies) - 252.

Voting turnout 30.2 per cent

SHEERNESS (Labour loss)

Ken Pugh (Con) - 1275, Angela Harrison (Lab) - 1114, Graeme Sargaent (BNP) - 539, David Cassidy (Ind) - 533, Colin Howe (Lib Dem) - 330.

Voting turnout 28.98 per cent





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SMART MOVE: Market chairman Steve Bamber hopes new canopies will stave off plans to re-locate the market

Market cleans up its image in bid to stay put

TRADERS desperate to save Canterbury's market splashed out £20,000 to pay for new gazebos in an effort to smarten up and satisfy city coun-

But despite the investment, which has seen some traders part with £2,000 to pay for the smart new coverings, Canterbury council executive has still offered no assurances that the market will stay in St George's Place.

The council is still considering plans to move the market from its current position to a car park in Iron Bar Lane, a proposal supported by Land Security, the firm which manages the buildings on the west side of the street

According to council reports, they may even offer to help pay for the cost of the refurbishment if the market is moved.

But traders have vowed to do everything they can to keep the market where it is, as they say a move to Iron Bar Lane, away from the main shopping area, would spell the end for the city's market.

Market chairman Steve Bamber said: "We are trying to show them that we are not scruffy Del Boy types, but business people

BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

running small businesses.

"There are enough businesses closing in Canterbury at the moment without the market disappearing as well.

"Forget the scruffy market. We think we have made a market that the council and the city can be proud of."

The new gazebos are 6 feet shallower than the old stalls, which traders hope will solve access issues brought up by disabled groups and wheelchair users.

Councillors who attended the opening of the new look market last week said they were impressed by the result.

However, the future of the market is still unsure, despite traders' best efforts.

Mr Bamber said: "There is still no certainty, but we are working much more closely with the council than we were eight months ago, when we were very much at arm's

"Their main objection was that the market
"Their main objection was that the market with so looked 'a bit tired' which we agreed with, so we got the gazebos. We've shown we are willing to work with them and the relationship between us and officers is really good now

Appeal for suspect after glassing in pub

A STUDENT was hit in the face with a glass at the Penny Theatre pub in Canterbury in April and police are still hunting for his attacker.

The man, aged 23, needed stitches after the assault at about 11.20pm on Thursday, April 9, at the popular student pub in Northgate

Police have now released this CCTV image of the man they would like to speak to in connection with the attack.

If anyone recognises the man they are urged to contact Det Con Ron Smith on 01227 868296, quoting ref: 6005

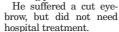


yourswale **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Have you seen this man?

POLICE have released this e-fit picture of a thug who attacked a man by the River Stour.

A 30-year-old man from Canterbury was walking along the path next to the river Stour off Kingsmead Road at 8.30pm on Friday, May 15, when he was tripped over and kicked a number of times in a seemingly random attack.



The man who assaulted him had earlier been on a small footbridge crossing the river arguing with another man.

If anyone recognises the man in the e-fit they can call Det Con Ron Smith on 01227 868296 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Ref: 8354

Beach hut burglar in court

A BURGLAR caught breaking into and sleeping in beach huts in Tankerton has been given 40 hours community service.

Anthony Taylor, 29, of Beaconsfields, Seasalter, who appeared before magistrates in Canterbury on May 22 was found guilty of breaking into a beach hut on Tankerton slopes in March. He also admitted taking a

gas cylinder and burner from another hut. Taylor must also pay £60 costs and £10 $\,$ compensation.

For information on neighbourhood policing in the Whitstable area contact 01227 744732.

Cabbie's attacker wanted

POLICE are hunting a gang of thugs who knocked a taxi driver unconscious in April.

The driver was trying to move a group of men away from his taxi in the Canterbury Lane rank between 10.45pm and 10.50pm on Friday, April 24 when he was attacked.

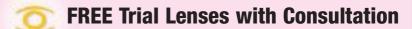
One of the men punched him in the head, and he fell over and hit his head on the

Police say the man who threw the punch was wearing a dark top and grey tracksuit bottoms and had short, light-coloured hair.

Anyone with information is urged to contact PC Ashley McMahan on 01227 868262.

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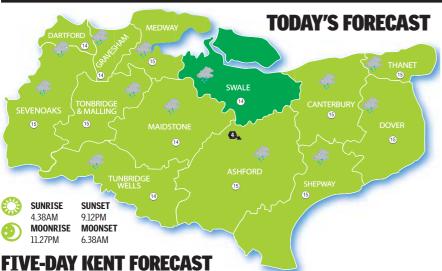
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	Sunday	3:51pm	6.7m	
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:53pm	4.6m	
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AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Gibraltar	22°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	22°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	9°C



A chance to reward embarrassing dad

TO celebrate Father's Day The Forum Shopping Centre in Sittingbourne has launched a special competition to help deserv-

ing dads win prizes.

The centre is asking people to nominate their dads for the Most Embarrassing Dad award - celebrating all those mortifying moments when your parent has done something to really embarrass you.

Maybe it's calling you your childhood nickname in front of your friends or wheeling out those cringeworthy dad dance moves at weddings and birthday parties - whatever, the shopping centre wants to know in time for Father's Day on Sunday, June 21.

"Our local shoppers have a great sense of humour so I am sure they will enjoy this lighthearted competition," said Forum manager

Alan Forder. "It's also a good opportunity to spoil your dad with lots of exciting prizes for a special Fathers Day."

To nominate your dad simply send your name, contact details and a short description of your dad's most embarrassantics ing forum@pmwcom.co.uk.

Entries must received by Tuesday, June 16 and the winning dad must be available for a short presentation on Friday, June

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QUESTION & ANSWER DONNA LEE



Where do you work?

The Quays is an 84-bed hostel for homeless, single, and vulnerable people in the heart of Sittingbourne. It supports people suffering from addiction, mental health problems, disabilities and those who have fallen on hard times and need a safe place to stay, with support to get back on their feet. Our clients can be with us for up to two years until they are ready to move back to independent living, although some can be with us for a much shorter stay.

What are your responsibilities?

As a support manager, there are no two days the same. My responsibilities are vast, but my main duties are my staff team of support workers, who respond to the needs of individuals by empowering people to become more independent.

I hold staff meetings, tenant and resident meetings and I am always looking for new initiatives and funding to run new projects. Having organisations and agency involvement are the key to including the community in the hostel's everyday life.

■ What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part of my work is finding funding for our clients to take part in training and education. We also have a

sports hall which is underused, but is also in need of refurbishment, new basketball nets and a good coat of paint.

What do you like most about your job?

I have a rewarding job. Every day something new happens, like someone securing accommodation, a job or training, or it could simply be that we are planning an event such as an open day which includes the local community

We have a new project called MEND. This is working with young people from the community funded by the local primary care trust. In conjunction with MEND we have a community chef working at the Quays so we have some exciting times ahead.

What's the single most important thing you've worked on?

When I joined the Quays 18 months ago I targeted the sports hall, which at the time was used for general storage. The staff and our clients helped me to clean it out and since then we have seen a small transformation.

We hosted sports leadership awards where staff, clients and the local community came together to gain a qualification.

What are the biggest hurdles you've had to overcome?

The Quays has a long history of being in the heart of the community while working

with vulnerable homeless people.

Overcoming pre-conceived ideas about who homeless people are and what they are about has been a big hurdle.

We have broken down barriers by inviting organisations into the Quays through our open days and have offered guided tours by the clients.

What do you like about working in Swale?

I have lived in Swale since moving from the north of England in 1997. I lived on the Isle of Sheppey for most of this until I moved recently.

I enjoyed Sheppey life and I am still a frequent visitor to my friends and family there. Living and working in Swale is still an adventure to me and I am looking forward to seeing the regeneration happening across the borough in the next few years. I would like to see the Quays contributing to this.

How do you relax?

A I spend a lot of time with my sister Karen and both our families at the weekend. My cooking skills are limited but the art of being a good manager is delegation.

I delegate either her husband or my partner Tony to cook Sunday lunch.

We go out cycling, or walking, but generally catching up with people I hardly get to see is a real treat for me.

Reporter **Emily Hall** spoke to Donna Lee, support manager at the Quays hostel in Sittingbourne, about the challenges presented by her work, and trying to break down public misconceptions about homeless people

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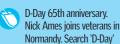
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'We owe you our freedom'

FOR probably the last time they assembled on the beaches.

The heroes of Normandy, 1944, who stormed the German positions and liberated France from the yoke of Nazi oppression.

At the weekend the dignitaries all assembled – US President Barack Obama, Prince Charles representing the Royal Family and Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

But the day truly belonged to those veterans who took part in the momentous events of 65 years ago - and for all too many of them they realised it was the last time they would all be back together.

Bearing the British standards on the beach at Arromanches were members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association.

"It was lucky we brought our standards," said Ramsgate chairman Ron Williams. "Otherwise we British would have been a bit under-represented."

The group had met early on Saturday morning at various spots in Kent before making the arduous journey to Normandy by coach.

All service veterans, they had come to pay their respects to the fallen at a parade alongside the beach which was taken by British troops on the day itself.

Tom Thaxter of the Royal Scots Fusiliers remembers the events of 65 years ago.

"I left 173 of my friends buried here," he said. "It's an emotional occasion – probably the last one of its kind with so many of us passing away each year. I was wounded in the left leg, just after we landed, the right leg outside Berlin, and the eye in Palestine. But so many of my friends didn't make it at all."

Charles Giles, from Margate, is president of the local naval association.

He said: "It's true there are fewer and fewer of us. I was on a destroyer working on charts off the beaches and I saw them go in. I have admired their bravery ever since.

A few miles away, US President Barack Obama spoke at Omaha Beach, where the Americans landed

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NICK AMES reports from the 65th anniversary celebrations of D-Day, held in Normandy, where war veterans were joined by world leaders to remember the day the liberation of Europe began



STANDARD BEARERS: Members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association at Arromanches beach

He said the bravery and selflessness of a few changed the course of a whole century.

The Allies suffered 215,000 casualties on D-Day and in the Normandy campaign. Germany suffered similar losses as the Allies fought desperately up the beaches and in to the French countryside to form a bridgehead.

Speaking at the US war cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Mr Obama said it was the sheer improbability of the D-Day victory that

had made it so memorable.

He said: "Friends and veterans, what we cannot forget – what we must not forget – is that D-Day was a time and a place where the

bravery and selflessness of a few was able to change the course of an entire century.

"At an hour of maximum danger, amid the bleakest of circumstances, men who thought themselves ordinary found it within themselves to do the extraordinary.

Speaking before Mr Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy thanked the Allies for their efforts in liberating France and the rest of Western Europe.

"I want to say thank you to the survivors of this tragedy who are here today with us... we owe you our freedom," he said.

Mr Brown was booed by a small group in the



WREATH: Prince Charles paid respects at Bayeux Cathedral

waiting crowd and one person shouted: "Where's the Queen?"

But he got a laugh from some members of the audience when he referred to Omaha Beach as "Obama Beach"

The French government previously denied it had intended to snub the Royal Family after failing to invite the Queen to the commemorations, with Prince Charles travelling to France after a last-minute invitation.

Mr Brown gave a speech in which he praised "men of courage and bravery".

UK Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir

Richard Dannatt, told the veterans: "I know that I speak on behalf of all soldiers, all over the world, when I salute the focus, determination and professionalism of all of you and your comrades who stormed into northern France from the air and from the sea in June 1944."

Earlier, Mr Brown and the prince laid wreaths inside Bayeux Cathedral during a service organised by the Royal British Legion.





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IT IS often said good food can be a work of art. And now a contest has been launched to underline that very point.

Unveiled at the weekend by the champion of regionally produced food and drink - Produced in Kent - school children in primary schools across the county are being asked to take part in a major art competition. And the aim? To create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece. The competition is open to all primary school children from reception classes through to Year 6 and entrants are challenged to create their Summer Fruit $\&\,$ Veg Masterpiece out of real seasonal, regional fruit and vegetables and photograph it. Alternatively they can make a fruit and veg collage using recycled materials and household waste, or children can simply paint or draw their masterpiece. The picture can depict any subject from a smiley face, through to a landscape, or still life.

The crucial ingredient in all the artworks being produced is that they all focus on the delicious range of fresh locally produced food and drink in our county. It coincides with our 2009 KOS Media campaign urging our readers to buy locally produced or supplied food and drink wherever possible.

Supported by Produced in Kent – and spearheaded by our one-stop shop for all your local food and drink shopping needs, www.foodforkent.co.uk - the campaign is designed to cut down on unnecessary food miles, support our local rural communities and protect traditional industries. All in addition to the unbeatable taste and health benefits of local, fresh food, Now it is hoped this competition will help hammer home the message to youngsters about the benefits of eating seasonal, local, produce.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent explains: "This competition is a really fun and creative way to engage children in Kent with regionally and seasonally grown fruit and vegetables. The message about healthy eating and eating your 'fivea-day' has really started to filter through to families and increasingly both parents and children want to reduce their carbon footprint. By buying and using locally grown fruit and veg that is in season, families will not only be consuming

Youngsters are invited to draw upon their knowledge of seasonal Kent foods to create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece

to keep our county and the planet greener

The countywide contest will see 10 lucky children, who submit the best piece of art, awarded a fabulous range of prizes worth hundreds of pounds, while the overall winner will be presented with a stunning photographic foodscape picture by TV's celebrity food photographer Carl Warner. Children can find out what fruit and vegetables are in season in Kent this summer on the seasonality chart on the Produced in Kent website (simply go to www.producedinkent.co.uk and follow the Useful Information and Seasonality links).

To enter the competition children can either submit electronic photographs of their work by email or send in their paper drawings/paintings to Produced in Kent's headquarters by Friday, September 18. Address details can be found on the

Children should clearly indicate their full name, school year group, the name of their school, age, a contact telephone number and email address. The age of the child will be taken into account during the judging by Produced in Kent's manager Julie Monkman and Carl Warner, but the entry should be entirely the work of the child.

The overall winner and runners up will be invited to the Food & Drink Festival in Canterbury on Saturday, September 26, where Mr Warner will present the prizes on the Produced in Kent exhibition stand. In addition to the foodscape picture, worth hundreds of pounds and a winner's certificate, the winner will be awarded a £50 voucher by Great Art (the UK's leading art suppliers) and a Great Art 12-pan colour box will be presented to the nine runners up with certificates.

To enter, visit www.producedinkent.co.uk.

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BREAK TIME



ACTIVE: Year ten science lesson at SCC

OU expertise gets to the core matter

SITTINGBOURNE Community College students learned about radioactivity during a visit by Open University (OU) expert Perry Enver.

Year ten students learned what radioactivity is and how it was discovered, as well as delving deep into the work of scientists such as Marie Curie.

Julie Daynes, science teacher at the college, said: "The students found the talk very interesting and informative.

"Many were surprised to discover the uses of radiation include cancer treatment, smoke detectors and tracers."

Students learned how to calculate the half-life of a radioactive source and closed the visit with a question and answer session about the OU.

A spokesman said: "The OU was founded to bring higher education to people who are unable to study at a conventional university. It is for those who want to choose when and where they study.

"It's perfect for people with jobs, children, disabilities or commitments that make it hard to go to a fixed place."

Headteacher Alan Barham said: "The visit was not only educational but gave students the opportunity to find out more about life after college and what doors are open to them."

Junior boffins kitted out for the future of science

BY EMILY HALL

CHILDREN peered into microscopes to find gems in the gunk during an afternoon of science activities.

Primary school pupils from across Swale visited Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, after winning a competition organised to celebrate National Science and Engineering Week.

The park – which among other things trains people studying for lab-based degrees – organised the Science Is Fun competition to see whether youngsters could come up with a wacky experiment.

Thirty winners received a science kit from Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Derek Wyatt and were also picked to conduct an afternoon of experiments with scientists at the park.

One of the experiments included the opportunity to identify tiny creatures found in pond water using high-powered microscopes.

Mr Wyatt, who attended the event, said:

Mr Wyatt, who attended the event, said: "The important thing is for every community in Britain to be connected to a science park – that is the future.

"It is very important that we have a flagship science park, especially in Swale but for the whole of Kent, so companies can come here to do their research in very good facilities."

do their research in very good facilities."
Site director James Speck said: "This year's National Science and Engineering Week was an excellent opportunity for pupils of all ages to take part in science, engineering and technology activities.



LOOKING AHEAD: Derek Wyatt MP (back centre) and James Speck with visiting youngsters at Kent Science Park

"We are delighted that by presenting these science kits we will switch local young people on to science and also highlight the career opportunities presented by a career in science and technology."

A number of the pupils were interviewed by Kent Science Park TV, a film crew from Lavender Blue Media, who are making a series of films for the park's new website. The interviews can be seen by visiting www.kentsciencepark.com. Mr Speck said: "We are delighted to have hosted such an enthusiastic group of young people. Our aim was to encourage youngsters to think about science and enjoy the experience.

"We hope our stimulating activities and science kits encourage young people to eventually pursue a career in science and technology."

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yourswaleblogger

Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in Swale..

Why are we still suffering here when it's so nice Down Under?

THE recession, the Government, Big Brother, CCTV, traffic jams, drizzle, clone towns, queues – don't you just love life in England?

But there is hope – and it comes from Down Under. The city of Adelaide in South Australia has launched a campaign to lure families to its Mediterranean climate, beaches and recession-free economy.

As well as job opportunities, the city is offering 300 days of sunshine a year, affordable house prices, and a better quality of life than offered here. And to top it off South Australia is on the brink of becoming the world's fastest growing economy. It sounds too good to be true.

Apparently the opportunities for those wishing to work or invest in Adelaide are second to none. And there are other attractions.

As well as long beachfronts, it boasts average summer temperatures of 28C, excellent wine and good schools. Not to mention ice cold beer of superb quality - no self-respecting Aussie will tolerate rubbish like Fosters.

Victoria Bitter is great, as is Tooheys - and don't forget West End beer and Coopers. Perfect for a summer's evening.

Just remember to ask for an "Imperial Pint" an Aussie one is just three quarters of one of ours but some pubs serve the full measure.

The food is okay too if you steer clear of vegimite.

For those hot evenings a Bundy and Coke can't be beaten – if you don't know that's rum and coke in a can, ready mixed.

And the day-to-day routine of work is so much more laid back with none of that tedious rat race and backstabbing you find over here.

A document by the South Australian

Government to sum up the attractions of Adelaide in order to encourage businesses to invest in a growing economy rather than a declining one makes enticing reading

Especially if you are stuck in negative equity in a flat somewhere uninspiring where the best night out is a Wetherspoons. I don't know about you but I'd rather cruise the Great Ocean Road or take a boat to a tropical island. Or rather than watch reality TV get a ride into the Outback and get to grips with nature.

Adelaide came in the top ten of The Economist's World's Most Livable Cities index last year – so that reinforces the point.

And finding a job seems easy with loads of random positions on offer.

The health sector needs as many staff as ever and other areas with vacancies include hair and beauty, fitness, gardening, farming and fishing. Jobs currently advertised at the moment range from accountancy to mining and engineering. South Australia still has skills shortages for accountants, chefs, wages specialists, factory workers and cheesemakers.

Australia already attracts many Britons, with 23,236 moving there in 2007-08, including 2,451 who went to Adelaide. That's it – I'm off too ...

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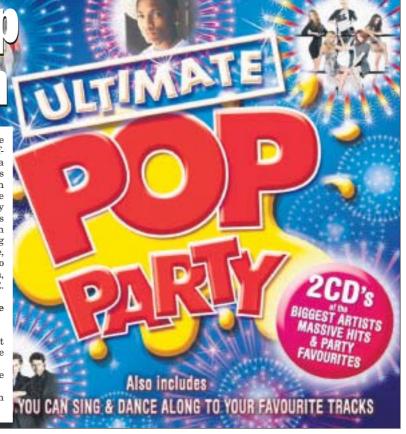
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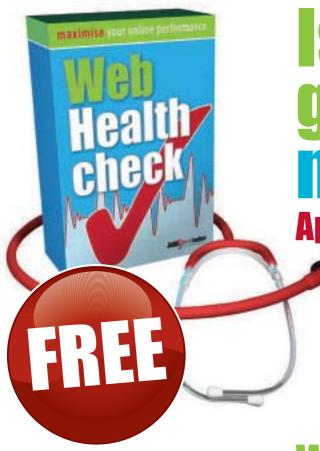
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TALK TIME

ISOBEL TOMLINSON

Jenny Armstrong talks to Isobel Tomlinson about a skill-swapping directory she is creating for Canterbury



What is the skills directory?

Transition City Canterbury is creating a Transition Skills Directory as a source of information used to make links between people for sharing skills, information and knowledge to creating a sustainable, low-carbon community.

Why are you setting it up?

Many skills we need are old skills that have been largely forgotten, or new skills we need to acquire. We know there are lots of people in and around Canterbury who have old skills which will be vital in the future. New skills such as developing zero-carbon energy sources will be equally important, but at the moment aren't widely known. The directory will try to enable everyone to find the help they need.

What sort of skills are you looking for?

We are looking for any skills that might be useful in a sustainable, low-carbon world. For example, the skills people have already added to the directory include fruit and vegetable growing, bread making, patchwork, repairing clothes, fruit tree pruning, bicycle repair and compost making. We would love to hear from people who can build sustainable houses, electricians who can turn their hands to wind turbines or solar panels, those who keep chickens or bees or who make bio-diesel. The options are endless.

Can anvone ioin?

Yes. Even if you don't have any skills you want to share, we want to know what skills you would like to learn as we are hoping to run some skills-sharing workshops in the future. See www.transitioncitycanterbury.blogspot.com.

YOUR LETTERS



Such a cruel waste of teenager's life

R.I.P. Adam, may you never suffer again in this cruel society that we live in. Such a waste of a young life and such a lovely lad. My thoughts are with all the

family at this sad, sad time. Jane West, from Faversham, comment posted on web story about stabbing of Adam Beaney, at www.vourswale.co.uk

Stop the bloodshed

I knew Adam for a while and am really shocked at his death. Adam's family have been through enough. Join the Government's campaign to fight knife crime - now.

Jenny Yore, from Herne Bay, comment posted on web story at

A truly nice bloke

I worked with Adam and although I hadn't known him long, I found him to be a pleasant young man who although quiet,

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was approachable and friendly. A truly nice bloke. My deepest

sympathy goes out to his family and girlfriend.

> David Laurie. from Canterbury. comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

Relief at knockout blow to tunnels

It was a relief to see that sense has prevailed and councillors



ON THE CANVAS: How Yourswale reported the poytunnel story last week

voted to throw out plans to cover great swathes of Faversham with

plastic polytunnels.
Well done to Barry McGuigan and the other homeowners for taking a stand against the onslaught of commercialism.

Our countryside used to be seen as sacred but now companies even try to build on green belt land and turn open countryside into lorry parks and freight depots.

Polytunnels are not quite as drastic, but they are still unsightly and unwelcome.

No one wants to buy a home in the countryside and then have it surrounded by plastic.

The company involved, which grows strawberries, said in your story last week that it will consider the planning ruling.

This suggests it may reapply for a second time.

But I hope the strength of feeling against the polytunnels will finally convince them to leave Waterham and other rural communities in the Faversham area alone

Mary Betson, Dargate

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Too important to be left to the politicians



COUNT ON IT: Voting a democratic duty

I know politicians are not the most popular group at the moment, but after a bit of thought I did vote in the county council elections on Thursday.

I feel it is important to show that people are still interested in the democratic process even though those involved in it as elected repre sentatives are not all they should be - or at least many of them aren't.

Ian Todd, by email

Er, boys, about those sandals and shorts ...

The recent hot spell has shown one thing yet again - British men cannot dress for warm weather.

The sight of people in sandals and shorts with socks is just too much to bear. Bring on winter, please!

Laura Hope, from Faversham, by email



Waxing lyrical about BB's worst - Sezer

In last week's blog about Big Brother's most annoying character, there was one person clearly missing. The worst housemate ever, who once received more than 90 per cent of the eviction vote despite being up against two others, has to be Sezer the Geezer.

I remember him going on about being a city trader and amateur boxer who was irresistible to women because he waxed his chest.

What a ... personality.

Dave Lester, from Ospringe, by email

Twenty20 pricing is punishing loyal fans

Does anyone else agree with me that the pricing and ticket arrangements for Kent's Twenty20 cricket matches are unfair?

Not to let people who fork out for membership into the games with their pass is unfair.

I know the team wants to attract a new crowd for this short form of the game, but to expect people who have paid out a large sum to have to pay again on the day strikes me as

Membership should entitle a person to a ticket for all home games especially those that are most popular. On the positive side though, the idea of offering a free ticket for a county championship game when you show your Twenty20 ticket at the game - as was offered in the Sussex home clash - is an excellent

Ian Paynter, by email

Keep in the running

I am writing to let your readers know about the British 10k London Run on Sunday, July 12.

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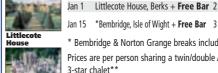
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Professor of guitar Richard Smith is performing in Kent and will be passing on his skills in special masterclasses

FANS of guitar music can take a lesson from an expert when Richard Smith visits Kent this month.

As a professor of guitar at the University of Southern California, Smith is the perfect role-model for aspiring musicians and is used to passing on his expertise.

Now people in Kent can not only enjoy his performances in two concerts but also take advantage of a free guitar masterclass by this consummate musician.

The award-winning recording artist and performer is the jazz guitarist with Los Angeles-based LA Chilharmonic, which will perform in Margate and Folkestone. Described as smooth contemporary jazz with

pop accessibility and a funky R&B edge, their music should appeal to jazz fans and those who are looking for something a little different.

As a professor at USC's Thornton School of Music, Smith heads the Guitar Masters programme in the Studio/Jazz Guitar Department and gives free lessons and mentoring to atrisk children in the Los Angeles area.

He visits Kent at the request of local promoter and music business lecturer Julia Jones, who is fostering links between the American college and Canterbury Christ Church University's music departments. Thornton School of Music is ranked

alongside the prestigious Julliard School in New York as one of the top conservatoires in the world.

A world-class player with a num-

ber of accolades to his name, Smith cites a variety of influences, from jazz guitar legends Wes Montgomery, George Benson and Pat Martino to his mentor Joe Diorio and contemporary jazz pioneers Lee Ritenour, Larry Carlton and Robben Ford.

He has taught masterclasses throughout Europe and the US, as well as performing at prestigious venues such as the Town Hall in New York, the World Trade Centre and the Orchestra Hall, Chicago.

The guitar masterclass will be held at the Canterbury Christ Church University campus in Broadstairs on Saturday.

Admission is by guest list only, so to join email Julia@musichub.org.uk.

LA Chilharmonic will be performing at Cafe G in Margate at 8pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £15, including first drink and snacks.

For more information, you can phone the café on 01843 225600.

They can also be seen at Quarterhouse in Folkestone on Thursday, June 18, starting at 7.30pm. Support will be provided by acclaimed Kent singer-songwriter Raphael Mead. You can hear some of Mead's tracks and find out more about him online at www.myspace. com/raphaelmead.

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PADDY ASHDOWN

Thursday, June 18 International Study Centre, Canterbury

RESPECTED politician Paddy Ashdown will be taking questions from a Canterbury audience next week.

The former leader of the Liberal Democrats has led an action-packed life, whether doing battle in the political world or as part of the Armed Forces. As a Royal Marine Commando and member of the Special Boat Service, Ashdown has had his

Special Boat Service, Ashdown has had his fair share of adventure.

His career is likely to have included plenty of drama in the corridors of power too, as an MP and then the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Find out more about his fascinating life and career at the event, when he will be talking about his experiences.

Ashdown will also be signing copies of his new autobiography, A Fortunate Life. The audience will have the opportunity, in this current climate of suspicion towards MPs, to quiz a seasoned politician who still com-mands the respect of his political opponents.

The event, which is part of the Marlowe in Motion programme, starts at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £15, are available from the Canterbury Visitor Information Centre, the Marlowe box office on 01227 787787 and online at www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk.



MICHAEL LAW Sunday, June 14 The Dominican Priory, Canterbury

THE Friends of The Marlowe continue their popular Sunday evening concerts even since the theatre's closure.

These delightful events have found a new home at the Dominican Priory in St Peter's Lane and the series will be launched with a performance by Michael Law. As the founder, musical director, pianist and singer of the acclaimed Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, Law is a renowned group musician. But he is also an in-demand solo performer who often appears in cabaret at prestigious London venues such as Claridges, the Savoy Hotel, Pizza on the Park and the Purcell Room.

GULBENKIAN ANNIVERSARY

Friday, June 12 Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterburry

CELEBRATE 40 glorious years of the Gulbenkian as the theatre throws open its

doors to the public.

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Theatre technicians, cinema staff and those manning the café bar, marketing department and box office



Law's easy style and intimate rapport with the audience make him the perfect guide for this evening of elegance and sophistication, including music by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Noel Coward and more.

He has performed several sell-out concerts for the

Friends of The Marlowe, so do not miss the opportunity to see his latest relaxed show.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12.50 including a glass of wine, concessions available. To book call the Marlowe box office on 01227 787787.



will be on hand to chat about their jobs. Visitors will be able to play their own role in the celebrations by hanging their Gulbenkian memories and anecdotes on the 'washing line' and joining in the 40th birthday party. Find out more about the theatre's past in the 40 Glorious Gulbenkian Years exhibition, which runs until June 30, and enter the exhibition

The free event runs from 10am to 3pm and theatre tours start at 11am, noon and 2pm. For more information visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

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It'll be loud and live with the Slug Pixies

GET ready to rock when the Slug Pixies perform in Faversham this weekend

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Revisiting her freedom

BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

EMMA Thompson has a 'couldn't care less' attitude that makes her irresistible - and her next move will see her bowing out of the limelight for a year.

With her latest film, Last Chance Harvey released on Friday, Thompson is now finishing filming the second Nanny McPhee movie, which she has written and stars in. Then the two-time Oscar winner intends to reward her-

self with a break, having turned 50 in April.
"It is a big milestone," the actress says. "It is one of the biggest because when you reach it you can say 'I'm going to be a naturalist now'.
You can say whatever you want.

"Funnily enough, my great friend, the actor Derek Jacobi, recently turned 70 and I said, 'what was that like compared to 50 or 60?'

"He said, 'it's very different. At 50 you can do what you want, at 60 you have to do what you're doing – at 70, you have no choices left'. So with a view to making the right choices, I'm taking a year off. It's my birthday present to myself."

While other more insecure stars would be fearful of people forgetting their name,

Thompson is ready to embrace a period of calm: "As an actor and writer, sometimes I think you have to stop creating and let your brain relax. I think it hones the appetite.

Despite her advancing years, Thomspon still retains a youthful spirit that drives her on.

Last year she was caught by paparazzi dancing around a lamp-post, her designer dress hitched up as she flashed her legs and pulled faces for the cameras on the way home from the after-party for the Brideshead Revisited premiere in London. Despite the adulation and awards, her unpretentious manner is clear to see - it's why the 'everywoman' roles she plays resonate with audiences.

Thompson delivers yet another striking performance in Last Chance Harvey, where she plays Kate, a woman who appears to go about her life without expectation or ambition. Then one day she meets a fellow lost soul in the shape of Harvey, played by Dustin Hoffman.



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It was a coming of age movie for both of us. I don't think we could have done it earlier in our careers. I love that about the movie." Last Chance Harvey is a low-key romance,

READY TO RELAX: Emma Thompson is taking a year off

written and directed by relative newcomer Joel Hopkins. Without Thompson's support, it's unlikely the studio, Overture Films, would

ever have given the project the go-ahead.
"Yes, that is true," she says, laughing. "Well, kind of... It was serendipity because I had just worked with Dustin on Stranger Than Fiction and he wanted to do it. That connection we had was what made the movie happen."

But before she has a chance to shy away from the spotlight to enjoy her birthday gift to herself, she has to finish making the Nanny McPhee sequel, which she chose ahead of continuing her role in the Harry Potter series.

"Tve been writing it for three years and I'm really excited about it," she says. "It is set 100 years after the last film and the only thing the same is (her character) Nanny McPhee."

Only then, when the cameras have stopped rolling can Thompson sit back and enjoy the fruits of her success.



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Twisted theme night – sea you there

ELECTRO-loving pirates, sailors and mermaids should set sail for Maidstone for the Twisted at Sea theme night later this month.

The Boat Rocking Dress Up Party' will feature the very best in dub-step, hip-hop and funk across two stages.

Resident Twisted DJs will be joined by We Are Your Friends, Big Trouble, gangster house duo 2 Bit Thugs and DJ Matt Cox.

house duo 2 Bit Thugs and DJ Matt Cox.

A spokesman for The Source Bar event said: "Twisted is taking a cruise and throwing its anchor into the sea just in time for the summer months and for all you returning students.

"We thought what better way to start the weekly summer parties with yet another one

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

of our epic themes and this time we are getting seasick and partying over the deep blue nothing with some very special guests.

"There will be big prizes for the best dressed and runners up, so all you have to do is dress up as something at sea or even in the sea like castaways, beach bums, pirates or impress us with some homemade sea monster.

"As per usual, the Twisted team will be doing up the bar as much as possible to give it that summer sea vibe and this time we will be helped on the night by a lovely set of helpers who will be providing you with some ice cream, candy floss, cakes and some cool accessories."

Twisted at Sea boasts two rooms – The Boat Party and The Dockyard.

We Are Your Friends and Twisted DJs will take charge of the decks in The Boat Party while Big Trouble, 2 Bit Thugs and Matt Cox will take charge in The Dockyard.

Clubbers are advised to bring their sea-faring ware to the night as a foam machine will be set up outside.

Twisted at Sea takes place on Tuesday, June 23. The club is open from 9pm to 4am. Entry costs £3, £2 NUS.

TWISTED AT SEA, LINE UP Twisted DJs We Are Your Friends Big Trouble 2 Bit Thugs DJ Matt Cox.



ON THE DECKS: DJ Matt Cox will play at Twisted at Sea

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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY MARIJKE COX

SPRINGWATCH 2009 BBC Two, 8pm, weeknights THE COACH TRIP Channel 4, 5pm, Monday

WHO would have guessed that Springwatch would have become quite the success it has?

Turns out there's nothing some of us like better than watching some birds twitter in and out of a nestbox in glorious technicolour and now we're on series five.

The show has returned for a new run and as ever sticks to much the same formula as before.

Mind you, it has lost the beardy birdman from Rochdale, Bill Oddie, who has left to "take a breather".

He has been replaced in the studio/shed by Chris Packham, who used to present the Really Wild Show when I was a nipper. Indeed, the fact that he now looks pretty old makes me, in turn, feel less than spritely.

Those who tend to find hedgehogs scuttling around at the bottom of the garden a fascinating insight into the fabric of his country will love this, and will no doubt already have tuned in,

because this is one popular show.

Others would be advised to steer well clear.

Just when you thought they couldn't take reality television any further the brains at Channel 4 manage to pull another one out the bag.

And to all those who thought the country had run out of fame-seeking reality dummies, you were wrong.

After the success of the first two series, travel show The Coach Trip has started up again, following seven pairs of contestants on a six-week tour around Europe.

Each episode shows the coach load of 'tourists' crammed together and experiencing a typical trip round the



WATCH THE BIRDIE: Natures lovers should be tuned in to the new series of BBC's Springwatch

Continent – but with a difference.

At the end of each day each pair – made up of the usual husband and wife, mother and daughter or life-long friends combo – have to vote off the people they least like.

This in itself is gripping viewing when waiting to see what fights will erupt when Geoff and Anne, for example, are told they don't gel well with the rest of the dozy lot.

In the event a couple get two yellow cards they are thrown off the bus and replaced with a new pair of eager contestants.

But what makes this show even funnier is the browbeaten, camp tour guide Brendon, who tries desperately to keep things running smoothly as he herds 14 people around Europe

Brits abroad causing mayhem, who would've thought it, eh?

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) YOU'RE a lot more sentimental than usual. Maybe the reason you're so emotional is that you miss a good friend. Although you can still keep in touch via phone and email, you need some face to face time.

Perhaps you can pay them a visit, but expectations reasonable. • To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) YOUR allure is at an alltime high; use it to your advantage. This is a great time to get favours from all sorts of people. Beware of accepting an with strings attached, though. You wouldn't want to get into a relationship that's more trouble than it's worth.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) SPARKS are flying between you and a power ful personality. If you're in a shaky relationship, this could mark the death knell of your union. You simply can't endure their bizarre behaviour. Resist the urge to jump straightaway into another commitment. It's best to play the field. To find out more about what the stars have in

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) BE extra attentive to the one you love because they have the power to make or break your happiness. Recently, you've been preoccupied with work and may have taken out your frustra-tions on a best friend or romantic partner. Carrying on like this will result in a nasty shock.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
DON'T be afraid to draw attention to your talent. A little self promotion goes a long way. If you're trying to win someone's heart, summon your confidence. Pretend you're playing a part in a movie, if necessary. Playing the wallflower at a party will have disastrous results.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) MAKING a sacrifice on behalf of a loved one comes naturally. Some people will think you are behaving oddly and there may be good reasons for their concern. After all, you've been hurt by relationships in the past. Maybe it's better to wait before making a heartfelt pledge. • To find out more about what the stars have in

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) YOU can afford to be a little reckless where your love life is concerned. If you're in a relationship, whisk your lover away to a hidden trysting place. If you're single, it's time to confess a crush. Someone who admires your bravery could come forward and ask for a date.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) LIT'S time to spruce up your wardrobe. If fashion isn't your thing, get some help from a well-dressed Libra or Pisces. This friend can show you which colours and cuts will enhance your looks. Don't get angry if they steer you away from your favourite looks

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) YOUR cash levels look likely to rise sharply. You could get a hefty sum for a valuable antique you no longer want. Alternatively, you could land a better paid job or get a rise. Be sure to put some of the money

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) SPENDING time friends is a good idea. You've been so wrapped up in work recently you've all, but forgotten your social life. Swing the pendulum in the other direction and go out with your best mates. A steady job could come to an unexpected halt, leaving you the loser.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) YOU'RE getting mixed signals from someone sexy. The best way to keep their interest is to give them the cold shoulder. Sure, it's risky, but the payoff will be tremendous. An innocent remark could provoke an angry reaction. That's further proof this flirt interested in you.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) YOUR creative juices are flowing like a mighty river. There's never been a better time to write a first chapter or apply your paintbrush to a canvas. Give yourself permission to start slowly. Resist the temptation to throw something out once you've started it.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

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8 Indecent photograph of detailed scheme (9)

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10 Meet Ma, a NZ stranger in astonishment (9)

11 Army accepting a member in Florida (5)

12 Princeís military manoeuvre? (6-8)

15 Do a bit of pressing (4)

17 Venetian magistrate trapped old penny duck (5)

19 Lady drops a clanger (4)

21 Grillroom? (7,7)

23 Old piece of France (5)

24 Become bored with TV perhaps, so do this to it (6,3)

26 Some of the Israelites chosen (5)

27 Scheme by extraterrestrial with a number of lines of certain heavenly bodies (9)

1 Refuse to talk about said meat at university (4,2)

2 Last letter in atonement for Cornish resort (8)

3 Top part of capstan, or of percussion instrument? (8)

4 We do not know the name of this prolific author (4)

5 Threats surprisingly disintegrate (7) 6 English PM first making debut (8)

7 Unworldly? (9)

13 Doctor, one leaving famous Italian family (5)

14 Explained how margins had been aligned (9)

16 Some whinger, manic-depressive, from a European country (8)

18 Insisting on doing the work of thespian formerly at the start (8)

19 Robert had pale quail (8)

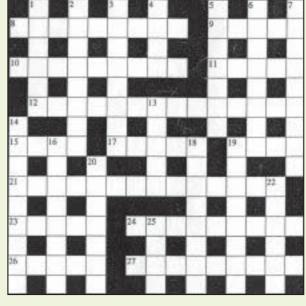
20 Sooner more readily responsive (7)

22 Change bench about first (6)

25 Fancy twill almost to become limp (4)

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8 Scribbling (9)

9 Ovals (anag) (5)

10 Played by plucking (9)

11 Open sore (5)

12 Willing to engage in community action (6-8)

15 Above (4)

17 Story (5)

19 Bracken (4)

21 Most successful to date (6-8)

23 Undulated (5)

24 Pantomime character (4.5)

26 Bedfordshire town (5)

27 Large hunting dog (9)

DOWN

1 Stint (6)

2 Tanzanian island (8)

3 Act of choosing (8)

4 Use needles (4) **5** Drafting instrument (1-6)

6 Part of formal wear (5,3)

7 Driving stolen car (9)

13 Rayes (anag.) (5)

14 Wooden footpath (9) **16** Dig out (8)

18 Unit of language from another language (4,4)

19 Scare (8)

20 Circumspect (7)

22 The rag (anag.) (6)

25 Christmas (4)

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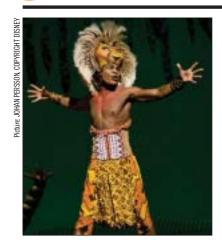
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SPENDING the weekend in London feels like a luxurious treat, especially when combining it with a trip to the West End.

When planning a short break in the capital, it is easy to find good value theatre and hotel packages on the internet.

Websites such as www.superbreak.com and www.lastminute.com can help to take the stress out of organising the trip and often offer high quality breaks at budget prices.

We decided to see one of London's most

BY JANE CONNOLLY

acclaimed musical productions, The Lion King, at the beautiful Lyceum Theatre. Now celebrating its 10th year on the stage, the show has remained popular with theatregoers and it was time to find out why.

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It took an hour to travel into London Victoria on the train and about another 20 minutes to reach Paddington underground station, where we had a few minutes' walk to the four-star London Paddington Shaftesbury Premier hotel.



Our pre-theatre meal was at Sticky Fingers, an American-style diner in Philimore Gardens, Kensington, owned by Rolling Stone Bill Wyman. Funky, bright and welcoming, it was a pleasant place to eat and refreshingly priced for a celebrity haunt. The excellent food presented

true value for money – having ordered the ribs for £14.45, we were presented with a massive rack that made a proper meal, while the smoked chicken cobb salad at £12.95 was equally substantial.

The Lyceum Theatre is a short walk from Temple or Covent Garden tube stations and we were glad we had booked, as there were long queues outside the box office.

Anticipation was palpable in the theatre as the curtain went up, with many audience members already discussing plot and characters with fond familiarity. Recreating the much-loved figures from the mega-hit animated movie would have been enough of a challenge, without the sprawling setting of the African plains to contend with as well. But any fan of the original would not have been disappointed with this respectful, creative and colourful production.

The breath-taking opening scene features possibly the film's best-known song, the anthemic Circle of Life, accompanied by a truly remarkable collection of creatures. Displaying awesome ingenuity with set and costume design, the award-winning production conjures up giraffes, rhinos and even a small elephant.

Wisely perhaps, the costume designers have gone for rather abstract approximations of animals for the main characters, though some actors are more encumbered than others. The young Simba, our tale's fledgling hero, wears little more than a tail to depict his lion identity in the first half.

Imaginative, thrilling and unexpectedly moving in places, the show was hugely entertaining. It never scrimped on the visual effects to convey The Lion King's exotic setting and more dramatic episodes, while one enormously atmospheric scene – in which the adult Simba converses with his late father – drew audible gasps from the audience.

The film's memorable score has been expanded so the show now boasts 15 songs. Superb live music and singing perfectly evoked the African location and it was pleasing to hear lyrics that were not always sung in English.

Judging by the standing ovation from a packed house at the end of the show, The Lion King will continue to reign over Theatreland for a long time to come.

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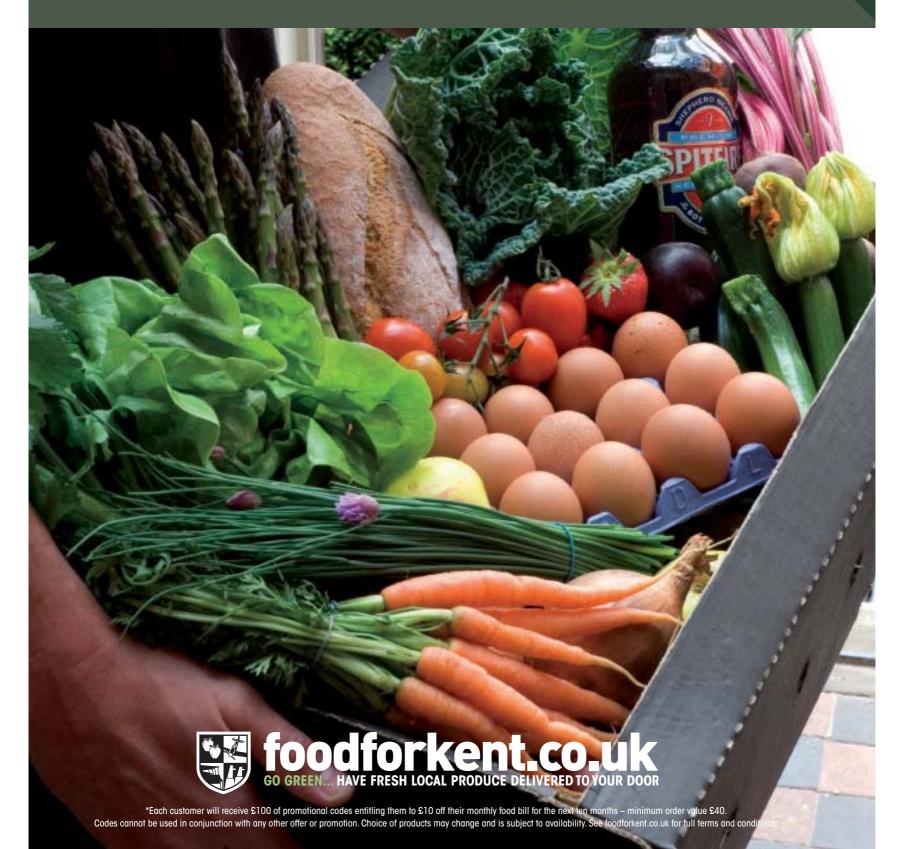
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Student digs 'good bet during credit crunch'

RESEARCH has found that student accommodation is still attracting investors.

Estate agents Savills discovered rental growth and high occupancy rates continued to attract investors into the digs sector, though the 'limited availability of appropriate investment vehicles risks frustrating attempts by individual investors to benefit from the sector'.

The average rents for purpose-built student housing (PBSH) grew by five per cent between 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, with 7 per cent seen in the capital.

Demand for PBSH continued, despite the economic downturn, with undergraduate applications up by 9 per cent for 2008/2009.

Savills also found that the number of new students was outpacing the new supply of accommodation by a factor of ten nationally.

Jacqui Daly, director of Savills research, said: "High demand, low supply growth, rising rents and high occupancy rates make student accommodation an investment vehicle of choice during uncertain economic times."

ing uncertain economic times.
"An underlying supply/demand imbalance points to a robust outlook for the sector, while the strengths of the business model mean that capital values have not fallen to the same degree as other commercial or residential real estate."

Rental levels may have hit bottom, say experts

ACCORDING to the FindaProperty Rental Index, May saw property rental prices remain steady, leading to cautious optimism that rental prices may have reached the bottom.

For the first time since August 2009, property rental prices did not show a month-on-month drop.

The average monthly rent remained at £819, although this is 5.5 per cent lower than the same time last year.

Houses and flats continue to react differently to the rental market conditions.

There has been a fall in the supply of rental houses which is leading to a modest increase in rents being demanded, say analysts.

They add that there is a rising number of flats available, leading to a fall in rents.

A rental property is now on the market for 65 days, up 16 days on this time last year



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GREEN SHOOTS: The second month-on-month rise in house prices, increased buyer activity and a hike in average asking prices could all be seen as reasons for optimism

Increase in house prices gets cautious welcome

THE property market has been boosted by news that house prices have risen for the second time in three months.

Nationwide's monthly figures for May showed that house prices rose by $1.2~\mathrm{per}$ cent, taking the annual decline to $11.3~\mathrm{per}$ cent – a sharp improvement from $15~\mathrm{per}$ cent.

The findings are the latest in a market which has become more optimistic in recent weeks, following an unprecedented gloomy start to the year.

But Nationwide warned that what it called a 'spring bounce' in prices does not necessarily signal the last of the house prices falls.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "Although the short-term trend in house prices has clearly improved from where it was at the beginning of the year, it is still too early to say that the market is turning definitively.

"During the downturn of the early 1990s, there were many months during which prices rose, only to fall back down again in subsequent periods.

"Nonetheless, the improvement in house price trends is consistent with signs of stabilisation in several other economic indicators and suggests that any further price declines may occur at a less rapid pace than in 2008."

Other evidence of an upturn in the market

BY NICK AMES

has been spotted by market analysts in recent days. Michael White, chief executive of online mortgage adviser Email Mortgages.com, added: "Those looking for further evidence of green shoots will point to increased first-time buyer activity in the market, positive noises from estate agents and the recent Rightmove average asking-price figures, which also showed an increase.

"However, the fact remains that it is very early days to be suggesting a full-blown recovery in the UK housing market."

The upward movement of house prices could

be explained by a recent stabilisation of the ratio of sales to unsold stock, as published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Nationwide said.

But with unemployment still rising and credit conditions remaining tight, experts say demand is likely to remain low for some time, while supply will be constricted as sellers are reluctant to put their home on the market when prices are depressed.

If demand starts to rise while supply levels stay low, prices could begin to rise again.

"For the moment, however, it is unclear how the balance between supply and demand will ultimately work through in the coming months," Mr Gahbauer said.

Over-estimating property value could be expensive

HOMEOWNERS overestimate the value of their homes by more than £35,000, according to research by Abbey Mortgages.

It discovered that the average homeowner estimates their home to be worth £190,175 – an overestimation of £37,280 compared with the Land Registry house price figures, which put today's average house price at £152,895.

Despite falling house prices, homeowners

Despite falling house prices, homeowners across all regions overvalued their homes.

Those living in the East and South East were the most optimistic, estimating their homes to be worth £53,422 above Land Registry estimates.

Nici Audhlam-Gardiner, Abbey director of mortgages, said: "Homeowners looking to remortgage or sell need to make sure that the value of their home is accurate and has been valued by professionals to avoid problems or disappointment further down the line.

"As house prices continue to fall, the longer a customer delays, the more they risk losing out on the good rates, due to fall in value of their home and the increase in their loan-to-value."

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Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, nonsmoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair,
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Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs,

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Very shy young lady, 24, brown hair and blue eyes, seeks caring and outgoing man for good times and socialising. Box 452300 • A Socialising and socialising a IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

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Hello all I'm 28, 5ft5, dark hair, bluegreen eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male. Box 452305

ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair,
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looks after number one, for lasting
relationship. Box 451834 ①

relationship. Box 451834 ♥
GETTING TO KNOW YOU...
Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more seeks similar male, 58-62, for a last ing relationship. Box 448756 ●

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 •

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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 52°, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship.
Box 384013 HORSES FOR COURSES.

Love To Love You

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large
build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own
house, loves walking, going out, the
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Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

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Altractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 & 9. SCOTTISH LASS Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010 • •

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male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915
GALLOP AHEAD!
Maidstone-based woman, 36, 515, slim build, blue eyes. Im caring, honest and have 4 children, I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311
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Attractive woman with a great personality to go with, looking to meet a fit, tall, well-built black male, 35-55, for fun times and hopefully romance. Box 450650 •

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Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, Im 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/mazel eyes, WLTM mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE Hello, Im Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dinig out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

444796 **1 SHOULD BE SO LUCKY**Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

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Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? Box 446457

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Box 414156 **①**COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **②** LOVING IT LARGE

LOVING IT LARGE
Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTM a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR.
Box 444803 A FINE ROMANCE
Placeast female 43, medium/large

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large
build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading,
wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR, Box 429071 MalD MARIAN!
Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green
eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to
have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986
NO FUSS!

Easy-going and down-to-earth 46yr old redhead, looking for male, 40-50, for an uncomplicated relationship. Box 879205 HAPPY TIMES

HAPPY TIMES 46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122 ● FANCY A FILM? H, Im Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimmish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good tood, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366 ● BE MY GUY Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a

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Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a
smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving,
caring, honest male. Box 449288
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Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 448524 ©
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and more, looking for a fun-loving,
passionate lactile man for injust out
and more. Box 451967 * U*
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Smart petite lady, 56, 514, tall, blonde
hair, green eyes, likes restaurants,
theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with smilar interests.
Box 446795 * O*
PISCES OR CAPRICORN?
Starstruck lady, 59, 5183, medium
build, blonde/blue, likes swimming,
holidays, the seq, WLTM tall man with
good heart for love. Box 448240 * O*
MAKE ME LAUGH,

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

MAKE ME YOURS
Good-humoured lady, 59, medium
build, long dark hair, likes socialising,
music, dancing and walking, meals in
and out, WLTM similar male for love.
Box 452450

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HI my name's Christine, 9, 5'9", slimbuild, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darks, looking for slimbuild male, for friendship, possible more. Box 41914 because the formal slip possible more was a simple slip or simple slip or some slip of the slip

Box 900143 ONLY LOVE Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, GSOH, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

NEVER TOO LATE NEVER TOO LATE Hello, Tim Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ff5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 ◆ SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH... Loying lady loyking for companions

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...
Loving lavly looking for companion-ship, 63, 513, medium build, brown harifeyes, lowes dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 ©
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SHARE LIFE WITH
Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swim-ming and cycling, cinema, eating out..seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy any-thing that happens. Box 451579 © LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Women

seeking women

ANY OFFERS?
Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 HOMELY SORT Hello there, I'm looking for a kind.

gentle partner, a homely woman, with GSOH. I'm female, 56 and enjoy cinema, reading, antiques, gardening, music. Box 451409 ①

MEN seeking women

THE MARK OF A MAN
I'm a 19 year old lad from Kent with
black hair and brown eyes, average
size, looking to start a relationship
with a young lady. Box 879575

I JUST WANNA BE CLOSE TO YOU

Foreign guy here to sample some home delights, 30, looking for good, honest, friendly and understanding girls to make my life more wonderful. Box 879350 HAPPY CHAPPY

HAPPY CHAPPY
Hil I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394
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LOOKING FOR YOU! LOOKING FOR YOU!

Tall, dark and handsome! I'm a 35yr old guy, 5ft11 and enjoy most things in life, drinks out, quiet nights in etc.

BOX 452397

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

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Down-to-earth sincere and intelligent guy, 36, looking for mature lady for friendship and possible relationship.

Box 451231

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?
High II m 37, 6ft hips pages became

Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 **①**GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VGSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquarian. Seeking similar loving lady. Box 879755 • •

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTM a woman for friendship and romance.

Box 889720

Box 889720 **⊕**THE BUZZ

Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 **⊕**LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435 **⊕**YOUR TIME IS COMING

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Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair,
dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little
girl, own business, varied interests,
looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box
429375
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LOOKING FOR A BIKER LADY Interests: musc, likes, cars, travel, cosy rights in. I'm male, 38, kind, genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 5fts, slim build, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTM genuine, blker lady. Box 451302 ♥ HOP ON! HI, I'm Mark, 6ft ,slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles WLTM a kind and honest femal to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 ♥ ♥ THE NICEST MAN

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YOU'LL MEET
Hi, I'm Kevin, 38, mousey blond hair,
blue eyes, lots of lun, genuine, seeking that special outgoing female, caring, for genuine loving relationship.
Box 451097 PFINGERS CROSSED
Inhiersity student, 39, 6110, black
hair, laid-back and stockylcuddly,
down-to-earth, looking for someone
special to spend some time with and
hopefully discover my soulmate. Box
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hopefully discover my 879254 **①** TAKE A CHANCE

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Fun-loving guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a love-ly and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452351 ● ▼
TRUSTWORTHY
Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 ●

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Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscove the finer things in life. Herne Bay Box FULL MARKS

FULL MARKS It I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTM easygoing female for fiendship/relationship. Box 443488 LIKE THEY DO IN THE MOVIES

Hi there, bubbly outgoing guy, 40, 5ft10, shaved brown hair, medium-muscular build, a writer, loves movie and cinema, seeks similar girl to get to know... Box 452246 **1**

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NIGHT OUT? NIGHT IN?

Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friendship and more. Box 451889 🕡 LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cine ma, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 **①**LET ME MAKE YOU DINNER

Young looking 42 yr old with hazel puppy eyes, 5ft7, looking for cosy nights in with romantic tactile lady, perhaps Christian like myself. Box 451969 ① NOW OR NEVER

NOW OR NEVER
If there, I'm a 42yr old male, 5ft11,
medium build, dark hair. I like sports,
theatre, music, films. Looking for likeminded lady, Box 451825 [®]
ROCK MY WORLD!
Northern guy (now in Eastbourne), 42,
5ft11, medium-build, likes live music,
the outdoors, good food; seeking any
rock chicks out there to strike a chord
with. Box 452401 •

TRUE COMPANIONSHIP

Very loving and romantic man, dark hair, 5ft6, slim-medium build, likes cin emas, music, holidays, cooking! Seeks similar lady to love and do things together. Box 452432 € LONG-TERM THING
I'm Ian, caring, romantic, loyal guy, 44,
5ft11, slim/medium build, fair hair and
blue eyes, GSOH, WLTM a lady 2548, with similar pature. Hastings agen

48 with similar nature. Hastings area Box 451334 **①**DON'T THINK TWICE Hi I'm Mick, 43, dark brown hair/eyes, N/S, likes cooking, walking & life in general, looking for someone to enjoy life with. Box 451087 **⊕**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in. seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

FAMILY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sporty, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446

LIFE'S FOR SHARING Hi ladies, my name is Carlos. I'm 45, looking for an honest and loving lady to share life with. Box 879325

MORE? Down to earth & outgoing male, 47, seeking fun with a young lady who enjoys sports, staying active, travel, socialising, drinks and more. Box 451104

IN YOUR EYES

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship, more. Box 421664 MAKE YOUR OWN FATE

MAKE YOUR OWN FATE
Honest placid man, 48, enjoys sport,
socialising, having fun and good
times, WLTM similar female with open
mind to get to know. Box 452350

ADVENTURE AHEAD
Old-school rocker type, 52, likes
music, hates football, looking for a
silly crazy lady for fun and hopefully a
LTR. Box 452357

silly crazy lady for fun and hopefully a LTR. Box 4529TARDS

MOVING FORWARDS

Divorced devoted dad, 53, 61, brown hair, medium build, loves sports and live music, seeking female 45-55 for lasting relationship. Box 448390 THT THE BILL?

Old romantic, 55, non-smoker, likes watching football, driving, holidays and romance looking for a female 55+ who wants to have the good old days back! Box 452051 TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

57yr old widower, 5ft10, medium build and wear glasses, likes playing golf, pubs, music/live bands, cooking, looking for a woman to enjoy life with. Box 451405

SIMILAR INTERESTS SIMILAR INTERESTS Kent male, 5ft10, 58, slim. I love jazz, art galleries, theatre, cinema. I'm looking for someone 35-50 ish, who likes the same things. Box 430925 ●

YOUR FLEXIBLE FRIEND Solvent, retired widower, 62, 5ft9, not overweight, N/S, decent, flexible and friendly, likes country music, meals in/out, looking for a female, to build a LTR with. Box 448346

LTR with. Box 448346

KIND-HEARTED

Retired professional, 62, happy, confident, GSOH, enjoys gardening, cooking, golf and walking in the sunshine, looking for a slim N/S lady to share nice times. Box 450847

DANCING TROUGH LIFE

Im Ron, 64, 5ft9, fit, looking for a slim lady, -60, to share my life with. I love dancing, especially jive. Box 452343

MODEST AND KIND
Separated male, 67, likes walks, gardening, bird-watching and sports, just looking for a relationship with a caring person with similar interests. Box

MUTUAL ATTRACTION
36 year old man, 5ft10, blue eyes,
shaved head, enjoys pubs, clubs,
staying in, looking for a loyal male, to
have fun times with. Box 430380

ADVENTURE &
FUN GUARANTEED
Fit, young male, 41, 6ft, blond, green
eyes, good build, likes keeping fit,
nights out/in, seeking man, 25-40,
6ft+, well-built. Box 447518

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a LOVELY TIME
Keep-fit male, 55, white hair, slim, loves the arts, cooking, entertaining, theatre/opera/ballet, walks on beach

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Roaring Jaguar rattles rivals with added value

AFTER years of hanging on by its claws, Jaguar has roared back with demand for the latest XF model leading to best in class second-hand values

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Industry valuation bible Glass's Guide reckons the mid-range Jag model will be worth 18 per cent more than an equivalent Audi in 12 months' time and nine per cent more in three years' time.

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Glass's spokesman Jason King said:
"The XF has made a very impressive entry into the segment and has shaken up the established German players."



Espace celebrating 25 years of MPV success

RENAULT sparked the people carrier or MPV revolution 25 years ago with the original Espace.

It was a marriage of plans by Renault for a grand touring saloon with a flexible seating layout and French aerospace firm Matra's proposals for an American style minivan with bench seats.

Their effort spawned many MPV imitators and changed the face of the motor market. The Espace itself has evolved through four generations and celebrates 25 years this summer.



Nissan is cashing in on Qashqai functionality

NISSAN'S wisdom in opting out of the mainstream hatchback market and banking on the multi-functional Qashqai was proved last month.

The British-built crossover entered the UK new car top 10 for the first time (see below) moving 73 per cent more units than in May, 2008, and claiming more than six per cent of the market.

1) Ford Fiesta; 2) Ford Focus; 3) Vauxhall Corsa; 4) VW Golf; 5) Vauxhall Astra; 6) Peugeot 207; 7) Mini; 8) Ford Mondeo; 9) Nissan Qashqai; 10) Vauxhall Insignia.



DRIVING SALES: Toyota's new-look Avensis comes in saloon or Tourer (estate) versions with the Japanese giant's economical 'Optimal Drive' technology fitted as standard

Optimal Avensis' rakish style shows classy touch

THERE'S no hiding place in the family car sector today.

Mondeo Class' contenders must battle on image and style as well as value, having seen a once huge market share hunted down by 4x4s, MPVs and executive class rivals.

So Toyota's latest Avensis gained a big hike in style and quality to add to past attributes – reliability, value and practicality. Sharp, aggressive new lines show how dated the previous car had become, while the hatchback option has been dropped to leave a straight choice between classy saloon and Tourer (estate) – Toyota reckons the latter will now take half of sales.

I can't argue with that after a week with a high-spec 2.0-litre T4 (£20,410 – Tourer prices from £15,760); the car is sharp-suited yet loses little in practicality and drives better than before, helped by an extended wheelbase and track within similar overall dimensions.

It is also economical thanks to the Japanese motor giant's 'Optimal Drive' engine technology, crucial to designing the brand's tiny IQ city car, but now filtering through to larger models through low friction components, lighter and more compact design elements and enhanced

ROAD TEST TOYOTA AVENSIS

BY STEVE LOADER

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Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

combustion, bringing better emissions and economy yet delivering more power and driving enjoyment.

With tougher times here, this mix of style and money-saving technology should help keep the Avensis high in customer satisfaction surveys, though not yet threaten German executive rivals. Nevertheless, the Toyota looks and feels upmarket with the Tourer highlighting the current trend for divergence between the roof line and rearmost window frames to deliver a racy rear end with excellent headroom. The cabin is gimmick free and passes the touch test for quality, but can seem character-less – the £600 optional panoramic roof fitted to our car is a cure.

The 150bhp 2.0-litre petrol fitted is responsive and refined and a slick six-speed manual shift allows an average of around 40mpg – unheard of at this capacity only a few years ago – but a new highly-rated 145bhp 1.8-litre sister is likely to be the preferred option for this fuel and the 2.0 and 2.2-litre diesels will surely dominate sales.

The Avensis chassis is set up more for ride comfort than tight handling, but can still be caught out by poorer surfaces.



USED CAR ROUND-UP: **OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR**

TOP SELLING FAMILY HATCHBACKS

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LOOKING for a car that does it all? Start shopping for a family hatchback; it seats five, can be crammed like a small van by balancing space, flexibility and economy... providing you don't go for a 'hot hatch' version. Family hatches still dominate the UK top 10 - all three of our recommendations are regulars - and the end product needs to be good to compete at all against talented opposition. Market clout helps, of course, but this trio deserves to be there on merit too – check out the profiles below.

FORD FOCUS



BRITAIN'S favourite car. Or is it? Some say it's number one through Ford's formidable market share. Maybe, but the Focus is great to drive, practical, well-made and blessed with good engines. For second-hand buyers there is a fantastic choice of power – including the rapid ST (pictured) - trim levels and body styles: a smart saloon and estate plus a coupé convertible. The Mark IIs popularity and ordinary looks are a weakness though - enough for some buyers to look elsewhere.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

VW GOLF



IT costs extra for a Golf, signalling the power of a more premium badge. Good diesels also keep used prices up, while the GTI hot hatch adds glamour across the range. Interior quality and ambience is top-notch too and the newly replaced Mark V was possibly the best drive in class. That said, the Golf suffers from fairly dull styling and buyers might be tempted by sexier and cheaper French rivals such as the Citroën C4 or Renault Megané.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

VAUXHALL ASTRA



SUFFERS like the Focus from being a common sight, thanks to its lofty new top 10 sales position. But nobody could accuse the Astra of being dreary looking; Renault Megane aside, it is still the most sharply styled family hatchback on sale. Vauxhall has also differentiated between the rakish three-door model, dubbed the Sport Hatch, and the five-door workhorse. There is a longer wheelbase estate too. Engine options, including impressive Fiat-derived diesels, are among the sector's best.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

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PEUGEOT 407 SE 2.0 HDI 136PS

2007/07, 44000 Miles Grey Metallic (Charcoal Luxury Trim), 4 dr Saloon Diesel, Climate Control, PSS, Traction control/ESP, ABS, Air Bags, 6-speed gearbox, Alloys, Remote Central Locking, Cruise Control, E/Windows, Computer, E/ Mirrors, Auto- wipers, Parking lights, Autohead lights. Auto dipping rear view mirror, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, Electric folding door mirrors, Balance of the Man/Fac Warranty

PEUGEOT 308 S 1.6 HDI 110PS

2008/08, 10000 Miles Silver (Charcoal Luxury Trim), 5 dr Hatch Diesel, Air Con, PAS, ABS, Air Bags, Remote Central Locking, E-Windows, Computer, E-Mirrors, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, Balance of the Man/Fac, Warranty

PEUGEOT 308 S 1.6HDI 110PS 2008/08 13000 Miles Black Metallic (Charcoal Luxury Trim) 5 door

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2005/05, 51000 Miles Moonstone Silver (Black Leather), 3 dr Hatch Diesel, Climate Control, Leather Upholstery, PAS, Traction control/ESP, ABS, Air Bags, Alloys, Remote Central Locking, EWindows, Computer, EMirrors, Auto-wipers, Auto-head lights, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, Service History, Alarm,

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2004/04 48000 Miles Silver (Charcoal Trim) 5 dr Hatch Air Con PAS, ABS, Air Bags, Remote Central Locking, E/Windows, E/Mirrors Tinted windows, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser,

SEAT LEON 1.9TDI REFERENCE

2007/07, 34000 Miles Silver (Charcoal Trim), 5 dr Hatch Diesel, Climate Control, PAS, Traction control/ESP, ABS, Air Bags, Remote Central Locking, E/ Windows, Computer, E/Mirrors, Tinted windows, Immobiliser, Stereo, Balance of the Man/Fac

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2006/56, 23000 Miles Blue Metalic (Charcoal Luxury Trim), 3 dr Hatch, Air Con, PAS, ABS, Air Bags, Alloy Wheels, Remote Central Locking, E-Windows, Computer, E-Mirrors, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, One Owner

VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4I DESIGN 16V AUTOMATIC

2008/08. 18000 Miles Silver (Charcoal Half Leather Trim), 5 dr Hatch Automatic Air Con, Leather Upholstery, PAS, ABS, Air Bags, Alloys, Remote Central Locking, Computer, E/Mirrors, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, One Owner, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, Stereo, Balance of the Man/Fac, Warranty

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2007/57, 15000 Miles Black Metalic (Charcoal Half Leather Trim), 3 dr Hatch Diesel, Air Con, Leather Upholstery, PAS, Traction control/ESP. ABS, Air Bags, Alloys, Remote Central Locking, EMindows, Computer, EMirrors, Auto-wipers, Parking lights, Auto-head lights, Auto dipping rear view mirror, Tinted windows, Front fog lamps, MP3 input, CD Player, Stereo, Balance of the Man/Fac, Warranty

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BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent League Division Three

Minster 1st XI v Chestfield 1st XI

A BLISTERING 135 from Chestfield opener Craig Wretham consigned Minster to their first defeat of the season.

Wretham held the Chestfield innings together, helping his side to a total of 250 for 7 that proved too much for Minster.

Several other visiting batsmen got starts but were pegged back by a Minster attack who remained resilient despite Wretham's heroics.

Minster skipper James White claimed two wickets but went for 76 from his 14 overs while fellow opening bowler Nathan Nichol took one scalp for 57.

Martin Hammond, Jordan Weller and Mark Tucker all took a wicket apiece to help stem the tide from the other end as Wretham helped his side to a highly competitive score of 250 at Gilbert Hall.

If the islanders were to stand any chance of chasing the total down they had to get off to a flyer, but they made a disastrous start, losing four wickets with less than 20 runs on the board.

With Neil Hosken, George Duggan, Craig O'Donaghue and Mark Tucker in the pavillion, Australian Brad Mitchell's robust 61 held the Minster innings together.

He found allies in Joe O'Donaghue (18), Andy Hosken (30) and skipper James White (31) as all three ensured Chestfield wouldn't walk over them.

The Minster tail continued to wag with Jordan Weller (19) and Martin Hammond (10) but they weren't able to hold off the Chestfield attack as they were bowled out for 189 with more than six overs to spare

Minster slump to first defeat of the season



AT THE CREASE: Chestfield's batsmen condemned Minster to their first defeat of the season

Chestfield

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LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Offham 1st XI v Macknade 1st XI

OFFHAM held on to secure a losing draw in a high scoring encounter in Division Five on Saturday.

Macknade showed their class with the bat, as they notched up 256 from their 50 overs, with Kaylem Short top scoring with 79.

Offham needed a fast start if they wanted to clinch victory, but the home side could only make 50 from their first three batsmen.

Offham kept fighting, but victory soon slipped through their hands. However, Macknade were unable to take the final three wickets as they finished on a winning draw.

..ct Waitt b Razey ..ct Bell b Hallbrook

Steve Taylor				
Vince Taylor	h Halll	nrook		12
James Jarrett				
Jamie Rigden				
Darryl Cook				
Extras				
Total				
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	14.2	3	70	4
Daniel Blakeburn	8	2	32	0
Simon Hallbrook	6	0	63	2
Mervyn Brooker	14	5	49	1
Graham Razey	7.4	1	36	2
Offham				
Graham Razey	b Jarr	ett		Runs 7
Tom Gittings	ct Ma	chin b Jarret	t	35
Nathan Faulkes				
Ben Gittings				
Leonard Watt				
Jason Waitt				
Lawrence Bell				
Daniel Blakeburn	lbw b	Short		10
Mervyn Brooker				
Simon Hallbrook	did no	t bat		
Michael Gittings	did no	t bat		
Extras	(1lb 2	2w)		3
Total	(7 wic	kets, 50 ove	rs)	188
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Kaylem Short	13	2	38	1
James Jarrett	15	2	56	2
Jamie Rigden	12	1	42	3
Darryl Cook	7	1	22	1
Phil Rowcroft	3	0	29	0

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Bromley 1st XI v Gore Court 1st XI

A POOR all-round batting performance from Gore Court was the principle reason for a crushing seven-wicket defeat

to title contenders Bromley.
Only brothers Chris Piesley (42) and Richard Piesley (22) showed any form of resistance as a youthful Court side were bowled out for a paltry 123 inside 39 overs.

Former Kent bowler Matt Dennington took 3 for 30, while ex-New Zealand international Chris Harris claimed 2 for 11. Kent bowler Phil Edwards took 3 for 45 but with such a meagre total to defend, Court were unable to contain the home side who cantered home inside 22 overs.

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Richard Piesley	ct Har	rison b Denr	ington	22
Kevin Jones	ct Blu	ett b Dennin	gton	18
Stirling Campbell	b Den	nington	- 	5
Chris Piesley	b She	en		42
Christian Marsh	b Mee	S		1
Karl Pearson	ct Der	nnington b M	lees	0
Philip Edwards	lbw b	Harris		9
Alamgir Sheriyar				
Shaun Pieslev				
Scott Edmed	b She	en		10
Rob Slater	not ou	ıt		3
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Bromley				
				Runs
James Butterfill				
Nadeem Shahid				
Grant Sheen				
Miguel Barbosa	ct Edn	ned b P Edw	ards	33
Paul Harrison				
Chris Harris	did no	t bat		
Nicholas Bluett	did no	t bat		
Matthew Dennington	did no	t bat		
Matthew Isaacs	did no	t bat		
Michael Bluett	did no	t bat		
Tom Mees	did no	t bat		
Extras				
Total	(3 wic	kets, 21.3 or	vers)	126
Bowlers				
	0	M		W
Philip Edwards	8.3	1	45	3
	5	0	31	0
Movin Ionos	2	1	10	Λ

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Bromley Town 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

RODMERSHAM'S bowlers helped get their batters out of jail at the weekend as they bowled their side to a 61-run victory.

The visitors were bowled out for 165 with more than six overs to spare. Sushant Karangutkar's 34 at number eight proved invaluable to help Rodmersham over the 100 mark. Robert Horne hit 31 and Liam Foster 26 as Rodmersham's batsmen struggled against the home attack.

Sandeep Rodrigo sent both Bromley Town batters back with just five on the board to set the tone and the other Rodmersham bowlers followed as the home side were bowled out for 104 with more than eight overs to spare.

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Steven Smith				
Danny Turano				
William Goodyear				
Saikumar Chalasani .				
Angus Smart				
Daniel Hillman				
Paul Slamon	not ou	ıt		9
	ct Jackson b Bayford			
Michael Slamon	b Bay	ford		0
Ian Porter				
Extras	(2b 13	lb 11w)		26
Total				
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	12	1	35	3
Darren Nokes	11	4	20	1
Dylan Emmett	7	3	9	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch 1st XI v Wickham Park 1st XI

UPCHURCH maintained their winning start to the season with a thumping 106-run win against Wickham Park.

Skipper Dean Headley led the way with a blistering 95 from 110 balls, including 11 fours and two sixes, as Upchurch scored a competitive 240.

Headley was helped along the way by teenage all-rounder Michael Hales junior, who followed up last week's unbeaten 85. with another unbeaten knock of 66 from just 54 balls.

Wickham Park had no answer to the Unchurch onslaught as Tim Mullis claimed 3 for 14, while there were two wickets apiece for Adam Hodder and Hales junior.

Lee Taylor	
Michael Hales jnrnot out	66
Marc Bond	
Michael Hales	0
Adam Hodder	
Daniel Parkerrun out	
Bradleigh Barrettb Bowles	
Craig Bewickst Hayward b Bowles	4
Tim Mullis	
Extras(2b 1lb 5w)	8
Total(all out , 49,3 overs)	
Total	
Bowlers	
0 M R	W
Martin Crowther 11 2 35	0
Iain Wilson 15 2 66	ì
Steve Teare 9.3 0 50	i
Andrew Bowles 11 1 42	6
Toby Amos 5 0 44	0

Wickham Park				
				Runs
Robert Spry	ct Barrett b I	Hodder		67
Gavin Malyon				
Simon Webster				
Glyn Gunning	ct Shirley b	∕Iullis .		6
Iain Wilson				
	lliver Willis			
Toby Amos	lbw b Hales j	nr		6
Andrew Bowles	not out			0
Steve Teare	lbw b Hales j	nr		0
Martin Crowther	b Parker			0
Extras	(8b 4lb 10w)			22
Total				
Bowlers				
	0		R	W
Daniel Parker	10			1
Craig Bewick	4	0		1
Marc Rond	8	Λ	32	1

Improving Dixon closing in on podium



PODIUM CHANCE: James Dixon (pictured) heads to Croft hoping to clinch his first podium finish

FORMULA Renault driver James Dixon heads to Croft this weekend hoping to go one better than last year and achieve his first-ever podium finish.

The Stockbury-born racer has had a difficult season to date, which began with him missing the opening round of the Formula Renault Championship at home circuit Brands Hatch.

However, after a slow start, the 19-year-old is gathering momentum in one of British motorsport's most competi-

tive championships.
The list of previous winners of the championship includes 2008 Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton.

Last time out at Oulton Park, Dixon escaped the opening lap carnage and stormed from 26th place on

MOTORSPORT

the grid to finish in the points in 12th place.
This weekend, Dixon will

travel to North Yorkshire to take part in round five of the championship at the tight and twisty Croft circuit.

The circuit is a favourite of Dixon as it produced his best ever finish in car racing with a fourth place finish.

Only a puncture prevented Dixon from going on to claim first-ever Formula Renault victory.

The former kart racing star is determined to improve on last year's performance.

A solid finish in the points this weekend could lift Dixon up to 16th position in the driver's championship.

FOOTBALL



DONE DEALS: Justin Luchford has strengthened the Faversham squad before pre-season training begins

Faversham boss wraps up transfer business with minimum of fuss

FAVERSHAM manager Justin Luchford returns from holiday this week comforted by the knowledge that most of his pre-season business is virtually done.

The signings of Buster Smissen, Dale Skelton, James Gregory and Rob French before he left for his Turkish break has left Luchford in the happy position of knowing his squad for next season is moreorless in

He said: "I said to [assistant manager] Clive Walker at the end of the season that I didn't want to go into June still hunting for players and, fair play to the boys we have signed, none of them kept me hanging on about what they were going to do." Luchford, however, still has two outstand-

ing problems to address.
With Steve O'Brien likely to be ruled out for nine months by a forthcoming cruciate knee ligament operation, the Faversham boss has invited Croydon left midfielder Ray Freeman for a pre-season trial.

He said: "Dane [Luchford] can play there if necessary, but I would rather get someone in with a natural left-foot, so we are going to have a look at Ray."

And Luchford may also have to find fresh cover at centre-half for Lee Shearer if young Liam Wybraniec decides to go on an extended trip to Cyprus.

"Lee is 32 and he can't play every game now because of his knee problems, and so if Liam decides to go travelling I will need to get another centre half in," he said.

Luchford will also be without the services of Smissen up front for the first few weeks of the season because he too is going on an extended holiday, but Luchford said: "I am not too worried about that situation because I have got plenty of people who can do a job up front."

Luchford has arranged a home pre-season friendly with newly-promoted Gillingham on Thursday, July 16.

GOOD NEWS: Sittingbourne defender Matt Bourne has committed his future to the club, much to the delight of manager Gary Abbott, who feared the player might leave this summer

Abbott joy as defender Bourne signs new deal

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

WITH little going on by way of ins and outs at Bourne Park, Sittingbourne manager Gary Abbott was able to celebrate the news this week that central defender Matt Bourne has decided

Having kept his options open since the season ended in April, Bourne has now committed to Sittingbourne next season which repre-

sents a major coup for the Brickies.

Boss Abbott said: "I have been waiting for

his decision for a couple of weeks now and am delighted he's staying.
"I have always said I wanted to keep him

and that's the first bit of good news we've had

Tom Bradbrook's knee injury is still cause for concern and he is due for a scan on Thursday which will reveal the extent of the damage.

Everyone connected with the Brickies will have their fingers crossed that the news is good and Abbott remains hopeful he will be available for the start of the season, but concedes he has little hope of featuring during pre-season.

Elsewhere on the news front, striker Elie Kayembe is still yet to commit, but the majority of last season's squad are staying despite a

reduced budget for the coming campaign. Abbott hopes to attract another goalkeeper to Bourne Park should regular stopper Matt Reed choose to look elsewhere for football next season, while the Brickies boss also revealed that he missed out on Rob French, who opted to join Faversham Town.

With the addition of Chatham Town and Ramsgate to Ryman Division One South next season, the Brickies are hopeful of some better crowds at Bourne Park.

For Abbott, he is looking forward to pitting his wits against some more of Kent's nonleague managers.

He said: "I was gutted about Margate staying up, I would have loved to have two games against them next season.

"I am looking forward to playing Ramsgate, although I know they have lost a couple of players recently, and Chatham, which will make for a few good Kent derbies.

"I'm just looking forward to the fixture list coming out and seeing who we've got first.'

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